

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2167

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto House Bill 1694 because of the following objections:

Current law provides that "qualified open-space land" is land that is currently devoted principally to agricultural use and that has been for five of the preceding seven years.

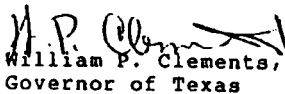
This bill would add a new category called "Expanded Qualified Open-Space Land", and sets out various criteria for qualification. When the major Property Tax Code amendments were passed by the Legislature in 1979, access to the qualified open space land definition was very carefully restricted, after much study and deliberation.

This bill would circumvent those restrictions, and would reduce taxes on land that would not otherwise have qualified. Land that has taxes reduced requires other land to pick up those taxes.

I feel the current restrictions are fair, and do not need to be eroded.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1987.


  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor of Texas



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